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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: UNIFIL TAKES SHAPE - ISRAELIS BEGIN
WITHDRAWAL

1. IN HIS MARCH 24 MEETING WITH GUR, SIILASVUO STRESSED IRANIANS, FRENCH AND SWEDES WERE ALREADY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND NORWEGIANS WERE EXPECTED SHORTLY. HE SHOWED GUR MAPS OF ACTUAL AND PROJECTED UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT AND REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. GUR SAID HE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY WEIZMAN TO SAY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WAS ALREADY IN PROGRESS. (SIILASVUO PLANS STRESS THIS IN DAMASCUS). APPARENTLY, HE MENTIONED NO FIGURES. SIILASVUO SAID THAT AS ADDITIONAL UN UNITS ARRIVE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE GREATER DETAILS ON TIMING OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. GUR REITERATED HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO ADF MOVEMENT TO LITANI.

2. GUR SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN KNOWING WHEN FIRST
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UNITS OF LEBANESE ARMY WOULD ARRIVE. SIILASVUO SAID THIS WAS HIGH ON HIS AGENDA IN BEIRUT AND HE HOPED TO HAVE SOME ANSWERS BY SUNDAY. AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, GUR SHOWED GREAT SENSITIVITY TO FATE OF HADDAD AND CHRISTIANS. HE POINTED OUT HADDAD WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH LEBANESE ARMY AND CONTINUED TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM BEIRUT.

3. I TOLD SIIASVUO WE HAD REPORT FROM ADF STATING
THAT NO FURTHER MILITARY SUPPLIES OR PERSONNEL
WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER LEBANON. HE THOUGHT THIS
WAS A VERY WELCOME DEVELOPMENT AND WAS FURTHER INDICATION
SYRIANS WERE PREPARED TO COOPERATE.

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